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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 28, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated September 20, 2005, Applicants respond as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.